

Grip Epidemic Endangers U. S.

Disease, With High Mortality Rate, Is Spreading From Coast to Coast.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Influenza, commonly known as the grip, is epidemic throughout the United States in the most serious form ever known, and is taking a heavy toll of life, according to reports made from many centers of population made public Monday night by surgeon general Rupert Blue, of the United States public health service.

The disease, which has created a grave problem in many of the larger cities, is now spreading into the rural communities, the surgeon general's statement says.

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Cleveland and Detroit reported the disease widely prevalent. Cleveland and Detroit each have probably 100,000 cases. Of the larger cities, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, San Diego, Dallas and Mobile reported no signs of an epidemic.

There is practically nothing the federal government can do toward aiding in suppression of the epidemic. It must be dealt with by local authorities, and they in turn, it is explained, are almost helpless without cooperation from the public. Surgeon general Blue said he had called for reports from all parts of the country in the hope that publicity would tend to stimulate this cooperation.

Summary of Conditions.
Some of the dispatches were summarized by surgeon general Blue as follows:
"New York—Disease widely spread. Marked increase in pneumonia mortality, also in mortality of persons over 65. Health department sending out warnings."
"Chicago—Last week there were 51 deaths from influenza; 25 deaths the week before. There were 1,140 cases of pneumonia in December with 666 deaths, of which 201 occurred in the last four days."

"San Francisco—Epidemic of influenza widespread and severe. Reported as the most severe experienced since 1917."
"Seattle—Influenza reported epidemic throughout state, including Seattle; moderately severe type. Schools partially depopulated in many places. Increase of 15 percent in deaths from all causes in Seattle during December. Influenza a factor, together with complications, and pneumonia."
"Los Angeles—Extended epidemic of influenza of moderate severity began about two months ago and not diminished."
"San Diego—Few cases of influenza reported recently."
"Dallas—Influenza not epidemic; moderate number of cases."
"Portland, Ore.—No epidemic. A few severe cases."

30,000 in Seattle.
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—There have been between 20,000 and 30,000 cases of influenza in Seattle within the last 30 days, according to an estimate by Dr. E. J. Lloyd, of the United States public health service. The death rate in December showed an increase of 15 percent over December, 1917. Of 283 deaths reported in December, 122 were caused by pneumonia, which Dr. Lloyd classifies as a complication of influenza.

1000 in San Francisco.
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—William C. Hasler, health officer of this city, expressed surprise that San Francisco had been included in the report of surgeon general Blue as one of the cities reporting an epidemic of influenza.

"I do not see how such a report could

Letters To The Herald

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

ABOUT ALASKA.

Editor El Paso Herald:
To whom should a person write to find out about Alaska, its climate and land, and also about work there? Faithful Reader.
(Head Frank Carpenter's letters in the Week-End Herald and write to the secretary of the Interior—Editor.)

EQUAL FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Editor El Paso Herald:
Last week a woman was asked to join the Equal Franchise league and replied that she was ashamed to say that her name was already on the roll. She did not explain just what it was in the organization she was ashamed of, so I presume it was of the members as well as their object.
If she would only accept our standing invitation to the public to join our weekly meetings held in the chamber of commerce Thursday afternoons at 3 o'clock, she would be convinced beyond a doubt of our respectability and our earnestness.
Our weekly meetings take the place of weekly forum meetings elsewhere, and some of the most intelligent speakers of the country talk to us on questions of the time of absorbing interest aside from suffrage.
Our object, the right to take part as citizens in the affairs of our country, in a straightforward, dignified manner, instead of through "the direct influence" route, seems a not unworthy ambition.

Mrs. R. F. Jenkins

ABOUT GEN. HUERTA.

Editor El Paso Herald:
An item in the paper regarding Gen. Huerta's illness has caused me to feel that at least one American should express his sorrow at the part the U. S. has taken in causing (perhaps the death of) Gen. Huerta.
I have always been proud of my country, but the present administration's act in bounding Gen. Huerta has caused me to feel ashamed, not of my country, but of the ones who had taken part in the election of our present government.
Has it ever been proved that Gen. Huerta tried in any way to start a revolution? As El Paso is supposedly part of the United States, why wasn't he allowed the courtesy and all aid accorded to the land of the free? So he came to El Paso on his way to California and was promptly thrown into jail, while Gen. Villa was brought over to El Paso and fêted and used like a gentleman.
Did Gen. Huerta kill Benton and Baucher? One would most certainly judge so. I wonder if we will ever know how many Americans have gone across the Rio Grande into Villa's territory never to return. Has Gen.

been sent out from San Francisco at this time," he said; "surely the board of health was not responsible for any such statement. I feel sure that we have well under 1000 cases of influenza at present, which is less than the usual number of such cases at this time of the year."

Warning Against Grip.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 4.—The prevalence of the grip in Colorado Springs has aroused the city health authorities into a campaign to prevent it from spreading and warnings were posted Monday against poor ventilation, overheating, wearing furs around the neck and kissing people having the influenza. There are more cases of the grip in the Pike's peak region than ever before, physicians say.

Huerta ever been accused of killing any Americans?
I wish to convey the idea to Gen. Huerta, his family and friends that the very great injustice done him has not been caused by the American people, but by the present administration.
I, for one, believe that had Gen. Huerta been allowed to stay in Mexico long ago. What are we doing now? Simply allowing Villa and Carranza to fight it out. Why not have allowed Gen. Huerta and Carranza the same right?
What good has it done the United States to meddle in Mexican affairs? I sincerely trust that Gen. Huerta may regain his health and may, perhaps, some day, return to his beloved Mexico. I also trust we may again, in the very near future, see the dear old honest Republican administration retake its own. I am just a little five foot one inch Tankard who likes fair play.
A Boston Girl

AS TO "UNCLEAN MEAT."

Editor El Paso Herald:
Reading the article "Why Is Horse Flesh Tabooed?" in your issue of Dec. 25, I have noticed the following statement, which is incorrect:
"It was the 11th book of Leviticus that presented the ban upon the four-footed animals who did not have a cud and cloven foot in common."

It seems that there is one important sentence which was overlooked. The second sentence of the second chapter in Noah reads as follows: "Of every clean beast, thou shalt take to thee seven pair of each, the male and his female, and of beasts that are not clean two, the male and his female."

Now what was meant by clean and what was meant by unclean? This is very easily answered. By clean was meant all animals that were allowed for Noah's people to eat, and by unclean animals, we mean all these beasts that were not allowed to be eaten in Noah's time.

The Talmud has also reference to it, by stating in Aluvrin, that when commanding Noah to take in his ark clean animals, it meant those already allowed for Noah to eat now and which shall be allowed for the Jewish people to eat in years to come, and by unclean ones was meant those beasts that are not allowed to be eaten now and will not be allowed to be used as food for the Jewish people. (For reference, look at the second sentence of chapter 12 of Leviticus, which calls clean animals those that Jews may eat, and unclean those that Jews may not eat.) It is then seen plainly that the Jews had already their diet laws long before the Torah was given, namely 792 years before Leviticus was handed to the Jews.

Dr. Eater is then absolutely incorrect by saying: "When a ban was placed upon the pig as a part of one's food, it was impossible for the Jewish people to live with dignity with the Egyptians." The worthy doctor could easily see now that long before, the Jewish people had been prohibited to use unclean animals as their food, prohibiting the use of the pig, etc., were not passed in Egypt, but long before.

I also wonder why Dr. Zielonka, instead of referring to Leviticus when asked about the ancient legislation against unclean animals, did not refer to the time when Jews were told about their diet laws 792 years before Noah's time, long before the Torah was given to the Jews.

Rabbi N. Schechter.

Bachelors Kid Themselves; Organize Against Leap Year

The bachelor club, composed of men over 25 years and under 40, held its first meeting in the office of W. C. Porterfield, Monday night, electing W. C. Porterfield as president; bachelor: A. W. Norcop, censor; Paul D. Thomas, chairman of the leap year defectors; C. C. Shoemaker, secretary; Smith Witham, treasurer; John Regan, poet and leader of the "sob squad."

The club is to be a dinner-association, reserving every other Thursday evening for its spreads and stunts. The first business meeting will be held on the evening of January 19 at 8 o'clock in the office of W. C. Porterfield, when each of the ten charter members will have the privilege of submitting a name so as to increase the membership to the limit of 25. The first dinner will be held on the night of January 12. Charles A. Brann was elected chairman of the committee on stunts and will preside unless he is married by that time.

The charter members of the Bachelor club are: Paul D. Thomas, J. W. Curtis, Charles A. Brann, A. W. Norcop, C. C. Shoemaker, H. B. Stone, W. C. Porterfield, Martin Berry, Smith Witham, J. H. Regan.

MONTANA IRRIGATION CO. GOES INTO BANKRUPTCY

Helena, Mont., Jan. 4.—A voluntary petition of bankruptcy has been filed in the federal district court here by the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation company, making what is said to be the largest failure in the history of Montana.

The irrigation company lists its liabilities at \$5,726,448.81, the greater part of which consists of mortgage bonds and promissory notes held by the Assets Realization company of New York and the First Trust and Savings bank of Chicago. Other liabilities include taxes in Montana amounting to \$12,245.24 and wages due employees amounting to \$207.95.

The assets are appraised at \$2,292,493.57, principally consisting of 27,824.37 acres of land in Nevada county, the estimated value of which is placed at \$1,000,000.

S. W. Swavey, treasurer of the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation company, said reorganization of the company would begin at once and that the new company would refund the bankrupt concern's bonds.

S. P. TO TAKE ITS TICKET SELLERS ON EASTERN TOUR

Educational trips for its ticket agents is the latest feature adopted by the Southern Pacific company to add to the efficiency of its line.

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SCHMIDT ASKS NEW TRIAL; ALLEGES JURY MISCONDUCT

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Alleging that the jury which convicted Matthew A. Schmidt of first degree murder last Thursday had misconducted itself, attorneys for the prisoner made a motion Monday for a new trial on the charge that the jury had killed its integrity, one of the murdered Charles Hagerty, one of the Times building by James H. McNamara, five years ago. Hearing of arguments on the motion for new trial was deferred until Wednesday, Jan. 12.

On the same day David Caplin, alleged accomplice of Schmidt and McNamara, will appear to have his case set for trial. He is also charged with the murder of Charles Hagerty.

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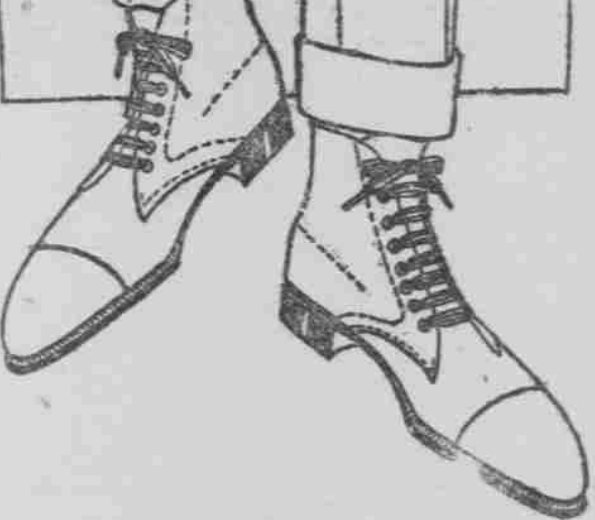
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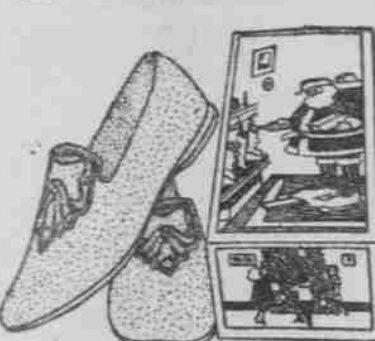
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